

REMARKS

With entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 2-21, 23-31, 33-56, 59 and 61-62 remain in the application, of which claims 25, 47, 52, 59 and 61 are independent.

Allowed Claims

At paragraph 59 of the Office Action, claims 25, 26, 47, 48, 52-56, 61 and 62 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form.

With entry of the foregoing amendment, claim 25 is now rewritten in independent form, and claims 26 and 27 depend from claim 25. These claims should be in condition for allowance.

Claim 47 has also been rewritten in independent form and is thus now allowable. Claim 48 depends from claim 47 and is allowable.

Claim 52 has also been rewritten in independent form, and claims 53-56 depend from claim 52. Thus, claims 52-56 should now be in condition for allowance.

Similarly, claim 61 has been rewritten in independent form, with claim 62 depending from 61. Thus, claims 61-62 should also be in condition for allowance.

Regarding 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejections

Previous claims 1-21, 27-40, 49, 57 and 58 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yanai et al. (U.S. Patent 5,544,347) (hereinafter "Yanai") in view of Morris (U.S. Patent 6,654,862). Further, previous claims 22-24, 41-46, 50, 51, 60 and 63 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yanai and Morris in view of Jones et al. (U.S. Patent App. Pub. 2002/0156971).

These claims have been amended to now depend from allowable claims 25, 47 or 52. Since these claims add additional features to the independent claims, they too are in condition for allowance.

Applicants reserve the right to present the cancelled claims again in a continuation application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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